

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES, Nov. 12, 1879, for the Middle States slight rise in temperature and easterly to southerly winds, with falling barometer, partly cloudy weather, and in the northern part a trace of rain during the day, and increasing weather and rain in the southern portion by Thursday morning.

FAIRFAX ELECTION CASE.—At Fairfax Courthouse yesterday Judge Keith, holding the Circuit Court, heard and decided the questions arising upon an appeal from the decision of Special Judge C. W. Wattles, in the County Court of Fairfax, in the contested election case of Amos Fox vs. F. Broadwater, to the office of Commissioner of Revenue for the Northern District of Fairfax county. The law authorizes a contest of an election upon the petition of fifteen "qualified voters," and the County Court dismissed the petition on the ground that two of the petitioners were not qualified voters, one because he had been exempted from the capital tax, and the other because he had not paid said tax for the year preceding the election. After argument Judge Keith reversed the decision of the Special Judge on both propositions, and decided upon the first point that the Constitution in respect to the tax required by law, and was competent for the legislature to dispense altogether with a capitation tax, in which event every voter would be qualified without the prepayment of tax, and if the legislature was intent to tax the Constitution by not levying any capitation tax, such power included the lesser one of preventing by law exemptions to the tax in proper cases, and it appeared that the petitioner had been exempted by order of the County Court from the cap tax. He was a qualified voter without payment of the tax, because no such tax was required of him by law.

Upon the second question the court also decided that although the capitation tax must be paid before the voter could poll a valid vote, yet non-payment of it did not affect the voter's qualification, as it was a constitutional inhibition operating as a suspension of the right to vote until the revenue was paid.

The court, therefore, held that both petitioners were qualified voters and competent judges, and reversed the judgment dismissing the petition and remanded the cause to the County Court for the continued proceeding on the merits.

Edmund Burke, of this city, appeared as counsel for the petitioners, and Geo. W. H. Payne and Thomas Moore, for the respondent. It is understood the case will come up for final hearing at the December term of the County Court.

ALEXANDRIA REFORM CLUB.—As announced in the Gazette of yesterday, the Alexandrian Reform Club occupied their rooms on Fairfax street last night for the first time. The whole of the first floor of the house on High St. was rented, and is soon to be fitted up for the use of the club. The large room is to be so arranged as to be used both as a reading room and a hall for public meetings, and will be open every night as a place of resort for young men.

All the members of the club, business and otherwise, will be open to the public. The smaller rooms are intended for holding meetings, but it is now quite probable that they will be thrown into the larger room, so as to meet all the wants of the hall for club meetings.

A large temporary has been prepared and is to be placed over the entrance, on which is inscribed the motto of the club, "Be good to yourself," and the words, "The supporters of the Reform Club." It is evident the design of the club to make this a most pleasant and attractive place of resort.

The meeting of last night was well attended. It was gratifying to the leaders of this movement to see present so many who have recently given up drink drinking, and are bravely keeping their pledge and working for the cause.

In the absence of the President, Mr. T. C. O'Nan, took the chair. Dr. A. F. Cox was present and assumed his duties as Secretary.

The evening was spent mainly in the transaction of business connected with the opening of the rooms, the public meetings soon to be held and the reception of new members.

During the exercises five men came forward and signed the pledge. Twenty new signatures had been secured since the last meeting.

At the close the chairman declared that the meeting in the rooms a decided success, and the outlook of the club most encouraging.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE, STOCKS AND GROUND RENTS.—Green & Wise, auctioneers, sold to day for Francis Miller, executors of Jas. H. Miller, deceased, the following property, to wit: The Old brick dwelling and lot in fee, on the west side of Fairfax street, adjoining Leadbeater's drug store, to Thos. Leadbeater, for \$1,925; a ground rent of \$25 on house and lot on west side of Columbus street, between Prince and Duke streets, to Jas. J. Jamison, for \$280; a ground rent of \$66 on the house and lot on the southwest corner of Prince and Duke streets, to Jas. H. Miller, for \$620; 16 shares of Bank of Old Dominion stock to Jas. H. Land, for \$3,250; 10 shares Alexandria Water Company stock, par value \$50, to J. H. Reid, for \$50; 100 shares same stock to Jas. C. Cazenove, for \$51; 82,875; 20 shares same to Robert E. Roberts, for \$52; \$1,170; 13 shares same to A. C. Cazenove, for \$54; \$3,520; 25; 10 shares same to J. H. Reid, for \$54; \$587.50. The same auctioneers sold for Samuel H. Janney 10 shares Citizens National Bank stock to Wm. A. Moore, for \$65; \$695; and by the same, for Malton H. Janney, to shares Bank Old Dominion stock, to Wm. H. Lathers, for \$2,000.

FLAMING WARBLERS.—A meeting of the Board of Fire Wardens was held last night.

It was ordered that the head in charge of the two steam engine companies be tested at the canal and that it be put in complete order for service.

A new ladder was ordered to be made for the Belvoir Hook and Ladder Company, to replace the one broken, at the fire at L. Geesinger's stable.

A number of bills against the department were audited and certified for payment.

METEORIC SHOWER.—To morrow morning at one o'clock, the astromonists promise a fine celestial spectacle, in the shape of a meteoric shower. It is expected that the display will be a brilliant one and those who have the patience to keep awake until that late hour, will no doubt be amply repaid for their trouble. The showers will be seen from the 13th to the 16th, though observers who desire a grand display will have to wait for the shower which astronomists promise in 1890.

RUN OVER.—A negro man, name not ascertained, had his foot cut off and his head bruised, at Lynchburg, on Monday night. He had jumped on a freight train, on the Midland Road, to steal a ride to another portion of the city, and in attempting to get off met with the accident. The man lay alongside the track from eight o'clock until eleven o'clock, at which latter hour he was found. Dr. W. O. Owen pronounced his case a dangerous one, on account of the loss of blood before he was found.

SHOE TRADE.—A Quebec firm has received from Paris an order for one million pairs of shoes, and a new factory employing eight hundred hands is to be erected. There was formerly quite an extensive shoe factory in this city, which stood high in the market, and which gave employment to a large number of men. Why can't we have another one?

BURNED.—A little child of Mr. Ferdinand Knight, who lives on Gibbon street, was quite severely burned while playing with the fire in a stove yesterday evening. Its injuries are not considered dangerous.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Wm. W. Kirker, of this city, has received an appointment in the Audit Office of the Long Island Railroad, at Long Island City, N. Y., and left for his new post of duty this morning.

Rev. W. R. Graham, of this city, preached at the evening session of the Sub-District Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Washington, yesterday.

Rev. R. S. Barrett, of Richmond, has assumed charge of the news department of the Southern Churchman.

ALEXANDRIANS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.—

Judge C. S. Talbot, who married Miss Baugh,

of this city, and now resides at Susanville, Lassen county, Cal., lost on the 27th ult., a little daughter, three years of age, of diphtheria.

Another of his children lies ill of the same disease.

The Los Angeles Advocate says: "Seldom

has there been a larger funeral procession in this vicinity than that which followed the little daughter of Judge Talbot to the grave yesterday afternoon. The family are so well known

and esteemed that their numerous friends uniting in paying the last tribute of respect the living can render to the dead, by attending the funeral and showing by their presence their sympathy for the bereaved family."

THE PUMPS.—The debate in the City Council, last night, on the appropriation for pumps, with the startling developments as to the impurity of similar water, in Baltimore, as revealed by Professor Terry's analysis, has created considerable comment in town. It has been suggested that it might be well to have the water of our pumps examined by a chemical expert, and the good or bad qualities made known.

The proposition of Alderman Brants to have public hydrants erected for the benefit of the poor is a good one, and should be carried out, if it does not involve too much expense to the city.

THE LITTLE RIVER TURNPIKE.—Judge James Keith, of the Circuit Court of Fairfax, yester-

day affirmed the decision of the County Court

rendered some months since, declaring the Little River Turnpike, a free road until it is put in good repair. The gates are thrown open

to all comers.

On motion it was resolved that the Committee of the Poor be authorized and requested to have the fencing around the slums house property repaired as soon as practicable and as economically as possible, to be paid for out of the appropriation made for the Committee on the Poor, and adopted the following resolution in its stead, viz:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized and instructed to contract for the burial of the paupers of the city and slums house, "he said con-

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and a communication from H. J. Scott, esq.

Clerk of the School Board, notifying Council of a vacancy in the School Board's road.

A resolution amending the report of the con-

ference committee or the report of the Com-

mittee on the Poor, was received and accepted.

A communication from Christopher Lyle was read and referred to the Committee on Po-

lice.

A bill of J. W. Malls, \$7, for rent of room

and as judge of election, was referred to the Committee on Clauses.

A report of the Mayor, etc., in regard to the burning of unshod bands, was received and accepted.

On motion it was resolved that the Board of Aldermen accept the invitation of the Common Council to meet in joint convention to all existing vacancies in city office, except that of postmaster and school trustee.

A resolution authorizing the Board of Aldermen to appropriate \$100 for repairing the pumps at Cameron and Queen, was referred to the Committee on Streets, with instruction to report what special pump-sets are required.

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